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[Specification]

[0051] In Fig. 6, reference numeral 601 denotes a print window on application software, and this window is displayed when printing is designated in an application menu. Reference numeral 602 denotes a presently set printer name, for example, a network-connected digital copying machine in the case of this embodiment. Reference numeral 603 denotes a print range setting, by which printing or storage into the personal box, of all the pages of the document, is designated. Reference numeral 604 denotes a setting for printing or storage into the personal box, from which page to which page, is designated. In this setting, designation of all the pages or designation of the page range is selected by clicking to check the corresponding square box mark with a mouse. Reference numeral 605 denotes a setting of the number of copies, by which the number of copies to print, or the number of copies to print in the case of later printing the document which is to be stored in the personal box is set.

[Fig. 6]

- (1) PRINT
- (2) PRINTER NAME
- (3) PRINT RANGE
- (4) ALL
- (5) FROM PAGE _
- (6) TO PAGE _
- (7) DETAIL
- (8) NUMBER OF COPIES
- (9) COPIES
- (10) PERSONAL BOX
- (11) CANCEL

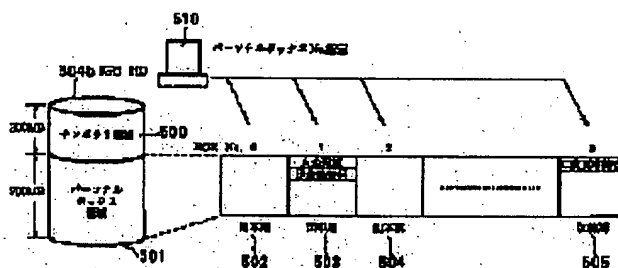
IMAGE FORMING DEVICE AND ITS METHOD

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Abstract of JP11187226

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To improve convenience by outputting warning when used amount of an image storage area reaches a specified amount, when image data are registered in the image storage area which is allocated for plural users. **SOLUTION:** An image forming device is constituted so as to output a warning when the used amount of the image storage area reaches a specified amount, when the image data is registered in the image storage area allocated for plural users. A hard disc of an image storage part is divided into a temporary area 500 and a personal box area 501 in this device. Ten numbers of zero to nine are prepared for the number of the personal boxes, and PDL data from a host is stored in the personal box in a form such that the PDL data are extended to a luster image in an electronic sorter for each person. Then when the used amount of the entire personal box becomes equal to or higher than the specified amount, for example, at a moment when it exceeds 90% of the entire personal box area, the information for which 90% of the personal box area is used is written and printed on a copy sheet.



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